## City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department Code of Conduct

The benefits of Parks and Recreation Programs are numerous. Recreation is essential to personal health. Participation in parks and recreation programs enhances the quality of life and can build strong families and healthy communities.

In order to ensure the quality and enjoyment of parks and recreation programs and to promote a safe and positive atmosphere for the programs, all participants, staff, parents and persons involved with the programs (i.e. spectators, coaches, volunteers, etc.) shall abide by the following Code of Conduct:

- 1. All persons shall act with respect towards other persons, their privacy and safety.
- 2. Physical or verbal abuse of any kind will not be tolerated.
- 3. All persons shall act with respect towards public and private property and equipment.
- 4. Program rules and regulations shall be observed at all times.

Any City representative responsible for officiating, supervising or otherwise operating a parks and recreation program shall have authority to enforce the terms of this Code, as authorized by the Director of Parks and Recreation, empowered by Municipal Code Section 15.16.220. Failure of any person to abide by this Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action, including (but not limited to): 1) removal from the program area, 2) restriction on program participation and 3) suspension or expulsion from the program. Minors, under the age of 18, are required to have a parent or legal guardian sign the registration form.

No refund of fees shall be given for any suspension or expulsion from a program for violating the Code of Conduct. The Parks and Recreation Director shall review any expulsion or suspension longer than three days. Appeals of any suspension or expulsion shall be filed, in writing, with the Parks and Recreation Director within seven (7) days of action. Decision of Director is final.

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